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Tropical Storm Chantal heads towards the Caribbean



MIAMI (AFP) - Tropical Storm Chantal, which formed in the Atlantic overnight, headed towards the Caribbean Sea on Monday, the US National Hurricane Center reported.

At 0900 GMT Chantal was located about 1,130 kilometers (705 miles) east of Barbados packing maximum sustained winds of 65 kilometers (40 miles) per hour, the NHC said.

The storm is moving in a northwesterly direction at 43 kilometers per hour.

If it continues on its current path it will reach southern Puerto Rico and the island of Hispaniola -- shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti -- on Wednesday or Thursday, according to the NHC forecast.

Tropical storm warnings are in effect for the French islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe, as well as for Barbados, Dominica and Santa Lucia, the NHC said.

Chantal is expected to strengthen during the next 48 hours and "produce rain accumulations of two to four inches over the Leeward and Windward Islands, with maximum amounts of six inches possible," the NHC said.

Poverty-stricken Haiti, which is still recovering from a devastating earthquake in January 2010, is especially prone to landslides triggered by heavy rain.

Pilot flying San Francisco crash plane was in training

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Asiana Airlines on Monday confirmed that the pilot flying the Boeing 777 that crashed in San Francisco was in training, raising the possibility that human error caused the deadly accident. (See pg 6)

Women's Club of Aruba honors island's top graduates



For the past 49 years consecutively, the Women's Club of Aruba have been giving honor to the best graduates of the island. This year's event took place in the Ballroom of the Holiday Inn. Present were Aruba's Governor Freddis Refunjol and Minister of Education, Arthur Dowers.

A total of 18 students from various schools were honored.

Minister of Education, Dowers expressed his congratulations to the graduates and to the Women's Club of Aruba for organizing this yearly event. He indicated that the efforts of parents, teachers and family are what make it possible for students to be successful.

Dowers went on to say that... "when things go wrong

in the community, they get a great deal of attention. But when good things happen they go unnoticed. Tonight we are here to honor young people who have achieved, young people who have done well in our community. I congratulate not only the best graduates, I congratulate all graduates of our island.

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Women's Club of Aruba honors Island's top graduates

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The results at many of our schools are tremendous and we must be proud of what we are seeing here tonight."

Omaira Silva, President of the Women's Club of Aruba assured everyone that the club intends to continue organizing this event for many more years. It is a way for this service club to give back to the community, especially to the generation that is assuming their responsibility for our country.

The students who received special recognition this year are: Levy Geerman from IPA; Irene Salamo-Saetta from International School of Aruba; Celina Marsman from VWO; Robert Gelvis-Rodriguez from HAVO; Joshua Calderon-Ojeda from Filomena College MAVO (7 subjects); Josdiana Faro from La Salle College MAVO (6 subjects); Dianne Molenaar from EPI (Science & Technology); Andreina Sousa from EPI (Economics & Finance); Yethsy Poole from EPI (Hospitality & Tourism);

Diana Ekmeiro Leon of EPI (Hospitality & Tourism); Gabriel Marchena of EPI (Health & Service); Tatiana Jimenez-Colonia of EPB San Nicolaas; Thomas Bouw of EPB Oranjestad; Jennifer Nadal EPB Oranjestad; Richinald Chacutu of EPB; Elizabeth Van Hofwegen of Avond HAVO; Genaro Lugo-Mendoza of Avond MAVO and Armand Hoelas of Avond LTO.

Every one of these students has a success story to tell. Some of them have gone through difficult circumstances yet they have succeeded in becoming the best graduates of our island. One of them received this very same honor last year, changed their studies and yet this year again is among the best graduates.

This shows that our youth are capable of excelling and showing the world that we can do it!

The Morning News joins with the rest of the island and congratulates the youth of our island...

Masha Pabien!

Paseo Herencia provides a fine evening of regional culture with the Ensemble de Cuerdas Zulia



Sunday evening was a rare treat not only for expatriate Venezuelans, but all who appreciate fine music, performed by top professionals. Paseo Herencia Shopping Center executives had the great pleasure of welcoming the Ensemble de Cuerdas Zulia for an impromptu concert in the Plaza Padu amphitheater, a generous gesture from the Venezuelan diplomatic mission on Aruba. It was the personal wish of the Head of Mission, Jesus Javier Arias Fuenmayor, to share the stirring performance of this group, which had been invited to Aruba for the occasion of their Venezuelan Independence Day celebrations on July 5 and 6.

The Ensemble de Cuerdas Zulia is a sub-group of the Philharmonic Orchestra of the City of Maracaibo, the capital of the Zulia state of Venezuela. The city is known for its world-class orchestra and hosts one of the most renowned classical music festivals each summer, attracting musicians of renown from around the world.

Noted Venezuelan vocalist Judith Sanquiz joined the musicians for the second half of the show, singing a number of stirring, patriotic



Judith Sanquiz

songs. Venezuelan composers dominated the program, reflecting the musical roots and traditions of the Latin American nation. The audience

was visibly moved by the virtuosity of the performers and the program.

Paseo Herencia Marketing Manager Candy Rasmiijn and Mall Co-owner Dan Oduber confirmed how very proud they were to host this exceptional free concert for music lovers. They expressed extreme gratitude to Mr. Fuenmayor for wishing to share the culture of his country with islanders, and to the Coordinator of the Venezuelan Institute of Culture and Cooperation, Luis Cardenas, for arranging the event.

By Rosalie Klein

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1st place winner of 500 dollars, Ron More



3rd place winner Oscar Bergrok



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Fifth Place Maria Recchia of New York



Finalist are ready for the last tense round

Aruba's newest and only locally owned casino, Glitz, in the La Cabana Beach Resort,

began conducting a weekly blackjack tournament every Sunday evening in mid-June,

and after only 3 weeks, casino management has to admit, it's a hit!

Co-Floor Managers Leslie Kuiperi and Law Schwengel are very pleased with patron response. This past Sunday, they had nearly 50 participants go for the grand prize

of \$500, with a \$10 investment to participate in each round or to re-buy.

21 hands will decide the winner of each round, after starting out with \$1,000 in chips and \$2,000 for the final round. Minimum bets are \$50 and maximum bets are \$1,000.

This week, an expatriate from Chicago, living many years on Aruba, Ron More, was all smiles as the casino managers handed over his \$500 grand prize.

Third place winner Oscar Bergrok went home with \$200, Filomena Loepstok in 4th place earned \$150, and Maria Recchia on vacation from New York, won \$50 in fifth place. She shared the final table with her husband Peter, who was unfortunately the first of the finalists to bust out.

The weekly blackjack tournament at Glitz Casino takes place every Sunday beginning at 6:00 PM sharp. Participants can register for the tournament beginning the Saturday prior, after 4:00 PM.

Though not every player walked away a winner, all agreed it added an extra bit of excitement to an evening at the cozy casino.

By Rosalie Klein

Italian mayor turns handyman to save town budget

ROME (AFP) - An Italian mayor and his council members have decided to fight the economic crisis proactively, picking up paintbrushes and re-painting the walls of their offices themselves to spare the town budget.

They worked overtime and even chipped in for the materials themselves.

"The idea spread quickly and all the employees contributed," Gino di Cicco, who is in charge of the budget in Avezzano, told AFP on Monday.

"In a time of economic hardship, we managed to save 10,000 euros (\$13,000).

Italy has been stuck in a painful recession for the past two years and many local governments are struggling to drum up revenues and are often badly in debt.

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Noted fitness experts introduce Pumpfit sessions, combining muscle building and cardio



Health and Fitness Instructors Rene Wild and Rodney Pieternella

Rodney Pieternella, owner of 2Be Fit Health Club in Shaba and noted fitness guru Rene Wild are collaborating on a new kind of group exercise program "Pumpfit," which they guarantee offers a more well-rounded form of exercise than others only focusing on cardiovascular workouts.

They announced a get-acquainted demonstration will take place on the main stage of the Paseo Herencia Shopping Center On Saturday, July 12 starting at 7 PM in the Plaza Padu. According to Rene and Rodney, the program, which deploys weights at the same time as doing cardio exercise, not only works out the heart and circulation, but also helps build muscle and burn fat most efficiently. After a 20 minute demonstration, anyone in the audience interested in trying the Pumpfit workout, will be invited onto the stage to experience it personally in a 20 minute group session.

"In our years of experience, we have found the Pumpfit System to be the most ideal combination of exercise to achieve an overall healthy body," explained Rene. "However, our program is not only about the workouts, but we

will address every aspect of being healthy, and personalize the program to each participant's individual needs, particularly a nutritional program. Each class member will be weighed and measured at the beginning, and regular examinations will be conducted to chart their progress and customize the program."

The day after the demonstration, Sunday, July 14, the Pumpfit team will be in the former disco/theater on the second floor of Paseo Herencia to sign up people for the program, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, where they will also conduct a class on nutrition. Applicants are required to sign up for a minimum of three months, so they will persevere and see real results. Cost of the sessions are 100 Aruban florins (\$57) monthly for adults and 75 Aruban florins (\$43) for children ages six to twelve.

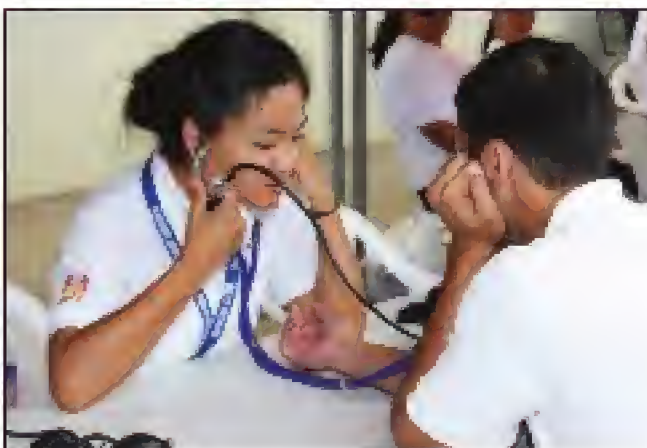
Applicants may participate in three sessions weekly, which will be conducted at the EPI School in Oranjestad, beginning as of Monday, July 15. Exercise can start the day with the early hour classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 6:00 to 7:00 AM, allowing time to shower and

get to work afterwards. Or there is a choice to end the day with exercise on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Children's classes are twice a week, on Monday and Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

More information and inscription can also be acquired at the 2BE Fit Health Club in Shaba, or during the special session at Paseo Herencia on Sunday evening, July 14.

By Rosalie Klein

Miss Aruba Larisa Leeuwe and Xavier University supported the fundraising for Chloe Veronica



Recently, on Sunday May 30th, Larisa Leeuwe together with students of Xavier Medical University were present at the fundraising for Chloe Veronica, a 2 year old girl that almost drowned 2 months ago, and has to receive intense therapy and guidance for her recovery.

At the moment Chloe is in the Netherlands for her treatment, and the fundraising was organized to bring Chloe back to Aruba were she can continue to receive the necessary guidance and support from local specialists. During the Fundraising the students from Xavier University offered a medical check-up, to

raise funds for Chloe and other children in similar situations.

Miss Aruba Larisa Leeuwe together with the students from Xavier University made a total donation of 2500 Aruban florins (approx. US \$1400) to help bring Chloe back to Aruba. The candidates for Miss Aruba 2013 also joined the fundraising event to show their support. The Miss Aruba Pageant 2013 will

continue to focus on social projects, and working on the current project of Miss Aruba Larisa Leeuwe "Aruba against Domestic Violence". For more information and the latest about the project from Larisa Leeuwe please visit: www.missaruba2013.com. Most importantly Larisa Leeuwe and Xavier University wish that Chloe Veronica and other children in a similar situation receive the medical attention and guidance they so desperately need and deserve, and hope that Chloe will return to Aruba soon.

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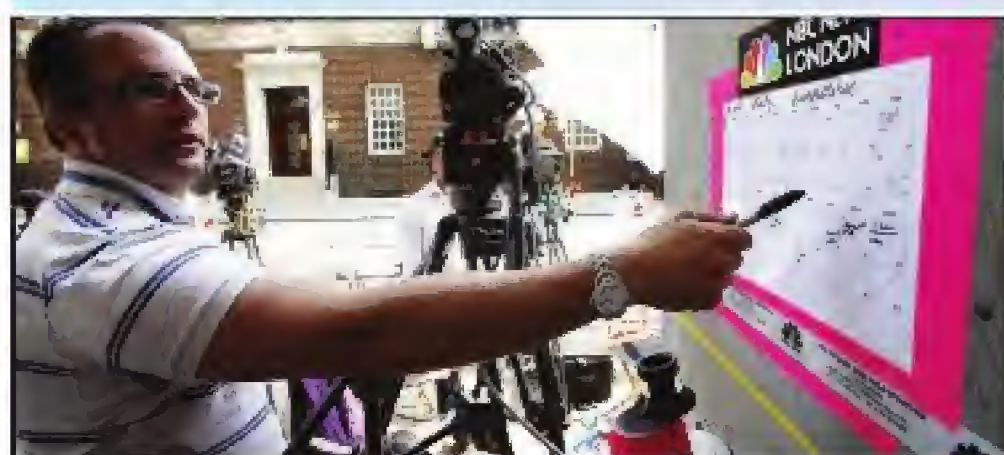
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World eagerly awaits birth of Britain's royal baby



Journalists put sweepstakes on a wall to bet for the time the royal baby will arrive at the entrance to the Lindo Wing at St Mary's Hospital in London

LONDON (AFP) - Could this be the week? Britain's royal family and the world's media are on tenterhooks awaiting the birth of Prince William and wife Catherine's first child, a baby who will one day be king or queen of Britain and a diverse group of commonwealth countries.

Millions of people worldwide watched William's glittering televised marriage to Kate Middleton in 2011 and, judging by the media camped outside her London hospital, their baby's arrival will be a similar global sensation.

The baby is not officially due until mid-July but this hasn't stopped news organisations from setting up dozens of camera positions outside the private Lindo Wing of St Mary's Hospital, where William was born in 1982 and his brother Harry in 1984.

The royal couple, both 31, insist they do not know whether their firstborn is a girl or boy -- but in either case the baby will be third in line to the throne after 64-year-old Prince Charles and his son William, pushing William's younger brother Harry into fourth place.

And if it is a girl she will be the first princess in British history who cannot be pushed down the line of succession by any younger brothers, following a momentous change in the law.

Bookmakers say punters heavily back a female child, with Alexandra and Charlotte the top picks for girls' names and James and George for a boy.

The baby's arrival comes as the royal family enjoys record popularity after a difficult few decades, and highlights the British monarchy's enduring strength even as its European counterparts undergo fundamental changes.

Huge crowds thronged London's streets for William and Kate's wedding in April 2011, and again in 2012 for the diamond jubilee celebrations marking Queen Elizabeth II's 60th year on the throne.

The feelgood factor of a new royal baby, delivering a much-needed public morale boost at a time of economic gloom, is likely to increase the royals' current popularity even further.

son, former chief of staff to William's late mother Princess Diana.

"The bad times, that will be the test," he told AFP.

There was deep public ill-will towards the monarchy following Diana's death in a 1997 car crash. Devastated Britons saw the royal family as cold and out-of-touch, and it took years to rehabilitate their reputation.

-- A thoroughly modern royal baby? --

These days the queen has

an approval rating of 84 percent, according to poll by YouGov last month, and the palace has worked hard to portray William and Kate as a modern young couple with lives not so different from those of their subjects.

Kate is the first "commoner" to marry a future king since 1660 -- her parents may be rich but her mother was an airline stewardess and they made their money themselves through a party supplies business.

The royal couple have led a

relatively simple married life until now at a farmhouse in Wales close to William's airbase, though after the birth they will move into London's Kensington Palace, which has been refurbished at a cost of £1 million of British taxpayers' money.

At 87, Queen Elizabeth II shows no sign of following in the footsteps of the monarchs of Belgium, the Netherlands and the Gulf state of Qatar, who have all decided in recent months to hand over power to younger heirs.

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Pilot flying San Francisco crash plane was in training

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Asiana Airlines on Monday confirmed that the pilot flying the Boeing 777 that crashed in San Francisco was in training, raising the possibility that human error caused the deadly accident.

Two teenage Chinese girls were the only fatalities in the fiery crash Saturday, though six of the 307 people aboard the flight remained in area hospitals in critical condition.

US investigators said Sunday that the Asiana jet was traveling much slower than recommended as it attempted to land.

The flight data recorder showed that as the Boeing 777 approached the runway its pilots were warned four seconds before the crash that the aircraft was likely to stall and asked to abort the landing.

The request to abort was captured on the cockpit voice recorder 1.5 seconds before the plane crashed, said National Transportation Safety Board chairwoman Deborah Hersman, who is leading the probe.

Her announcement came minutes after a video obtained by CNN confirmed that the aircraft clipped a seawall short of the airport runway.

The footage showed the plane with its nose up and its rear hitting the ground. The plane then hit the tarmac, abruptly bounced upward, and spun around 180 degrees.

In Seoul on Monday, Asiana said pilot Lee Kang-Kuk had just 43 hours of ex-

perience in piloting the 777 and was still undergoing training, although he had more than 9,000 hours of flight time experience.

An Asiana spokeswoman told AFP he was accompanied by an experienced trainer, who acted as co-pilot.

On Monday Asiana CEO Yoon Young-Doo, who had earlier apologized for the incident, described media reports that pilot error may have caused the tragedy as "intolerable," calling it a "matter of speculation."

He had earlier said the plane had no known mechanical problems.

Choi Jeong-Ho, the head of South Korea's transportation ministry's aviation policy bureau, meanwhile said it was too early in the investigation to say that pilot error was a factor.

Asiana Flight 214, which originated in Shanghai and stopped in Seoul, had 291 passengers and 16 crew members aboard.

In total, 123 people aboard the flight escaped unharmed, US officials said.

The twin-engine Boeing 777 is one of the world's most popular airplanes used for long distance flights.

According to aviation safety databases, the two dead teens are the 777's first fatalities in the plane's 18 year of service.

It was the first deadly Asiana passenger plane crash since June 1993, when one of its Boeing 737s slammed into a mountain in South Korea, killing 68.

Asiana's share price ended down nearly six percent on Monday as investors digested the impact of the accident.

Huge insurance payouts to victims and for the aircraft could raise future premiums and increase the company's financial burdens.

Aviation experts, however, said the damage to its business could be limited, as South Korea's number two airline has spent years building a reputation for safety and quality.

Search expands for 40 missing in Canada train blaze

LAC MEGANTIC (AFP) - Investigators said Monday they hope to expand their search for 40 people missing two days after a runaway oil tanker train derailed and exploded, killing five and flattening part of a small Quebec town.

Police said the official death toll had not changed in Lac-Megantic since firefighters put out the raging inferno late Sunday, but admitted they had not yet been able to access parts of the charred wreckage.



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Snowden fate in balance as Cuba backs asylum bid

MOSCOW (AFP) - Fugitive US intelligence leaker Edward Snowden won support from Cuba for his bid to seek asylum in Latin America as he began his third week in limbo at a Moscow airport on Monday.

Cuba, a key transit point from Russia on the way to Latin America, supported the leaders of Bolivia, Venezuela and Nicaragua, who have offered

the 30-year-old a possible lifeline as he remains marooned without documents in the transit area of a Moscow airport.

Speaking to Cuba's national assembly, Castro did not say whether his country, which has been showing signs of mending ties with Washington, would itself offer refuge to Snowden.

"If Raul Castro's solidarity on #Snowden is serious,

Cuba will publicly offer Snowden asylum," anti-secrecy organisation WikiLeaks said on Twitter.

Multiple obstacles continue to cloud the former National Security Agency contractor's asylum hopes however and it remains unclear how he would be able to leave Russia, even if granted asylum by the three Latin American countries.

US calls for 'maximum restraint' from Egypt military



EGYPT, Cairo : Egyptian supporters of deposed president Mohamed Morsi (portrait) shout slogans during a rally in support of the former Islamist leader outside Cairo's Rabaa al-Adawiya mosque on July 8, 2013. (AFP)

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States on Monday called for "maximum restraint" from Egypt's military and condemned the Muslim Brotherhood's calls for an uprising after some 50 people were shot dead at a demonstration.

The White House also said there would be no immediate cutoff in aid to Egypt follow-

ing the military's ouster of Islamist president Mohamed Morsi, Egypt's first democratically elected leader.

"We remain deeply concerned about the increasing violence across Egypt. We strongly condemn any violence or any incitement to violence," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters.

She said Washington expresses "our condolences for those who have been killed" and calls on the military "to use maximum restraint."

"Egypt's stability and democratic political order are at stake," she said, calling on the Muslim Brotherhood to "engage in the process" of forming a stable government.

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International News

Killing of 51 Egyptians triggers Islamist uprising call

CAIRO (AFP) - Fifty-one loyalists of Egypt's ousted president were killed Monday while protesting against last week's military coup, triggering an Islamist uprising call, US appeals for restraint and dashing hopes for an interim civilian administration.

The Muslim Brotherhood, which has led demonstrations against Wednesday's overthrow of Islamist president Mohamed Morsi, said its supporters were "massacred" by troops and police during dawn prayers in Cairo.

The military blamed "terrorists," while witnesses, including Brotherhood supporters at the scene, said security forces fired only warning shots and tear gas, and that "thugs" in civilian clothes carried out the shootings.

The United States called on the Egyptian army to exercise "maximum restraint," while also condemning "explicit" Brotherhood calls to violence.

The Islamist movement's political arm, the Freedom and Justice Party, had called for "an uprising by the great people of Egypt against those trying to steal their revolution with tanks" because of Monday's killings.

It urged "the international community and international groups and all the free people of the world to intervene to stop further massacres... and prevent a new Syrian in the Arab world".

But White House spokesman Jay Carney said an immediate cutoff in military aid to Egypt "would not be in our best interests", when asked whether Washington was reconsidering the \$1.3 billion it provides annually.

In response to the "massacre", the conservative Is-

lamist Al-Nur party, which won almost a quarter of the votes in 2011-2012 parliamentary elections and had backed the army's overthrow of Morsi, said it was pulling out of talks on a new government.

Grand Imam Ahmed al-Tayyeb of the Cairo-based Al-Azhar, Sunni Islam's highest seat of learning, said he would "remain in seclusion" until the bloodletting ends "and those behind it take responsibility".

The army-appointed interim president, Adly Mansour, set up a judicial commission of inquiry into the killings.

Canada's top anti-terrorism official quits

OTTAWA (AFP) - Canada's top anti-terrorism official Vic Toews resigned on Monday, saying he was quitting politics ahead of an expected cabinet reshuffle this month.

Toews's departure after 13 years as a member of Parliament representing the western province of Manitoba comes after a half dozen key members of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's cabinet signaled they were bowing out.

Senator Marjory LeBreton announced her resignation as leader of the government in the Senate last week, while junior ministers Diane Ablonczy and Ted Menzies, both hailing from Harper's adopted home province of Alberta, as well as Environment Minister Peter Kent said they would not seek re-election in 2015.

Fisheries Minister Keith Ashfield, meanwhile, is battling cancer and asked to be relieved of his cabinet position.

Toews said he is leaving to spend time with his family and pursue opportunities in the private sector.

Manning seeks dismissal of some charges in trial

FORT MEADE (AFP) The US soldier who admitted handing over a trove of secret documents to WikiLeaks asked a military judge Monday to toss out several charges against him on grounds prosecutors lack evidence.

Bradley Manning's lawyers urged the court to dismiss four charges, including allegations he violated his access to a military computer, stole government "property," disclosed email addresses and aided the enemy when he gave classified files to the anti-secrecy website.

The move came as Manning's attorneys began to present their case, hoping to counter the prosecution's portrayal of the US Army private as an arrogant traitor who knew the



documents could fall into the hands of Al-Qaeda.

Manning, 25, has admitted to giving WikiLeaks more than 700,000 secret military intelligence files and diplomatic cables in the worst leak of classified information in American history.

But he is contesting 21

charges, including the most serious count that he knew he was "aiding the enemy" by funneling the files to the website.

The defense played a video of a 2007 US helicopter attack in Baghdad that went viral in 2010 after Manning passed on the footage to WikiLeaks, which released the clip under the title "Collateral Murder."

The disturbing video shows two Apache helicopters blasting away at a group of Iraqi men whom the crew mistakenly believed were carrying weapons.

Two of the dozen people killed in the assault were Iraqis working for the Reuters news agency.

The prosecution rested its case last week but suffered an embarrassing setback after acknowledging the military had lost the contract Manning signed laying out the terms of his access to classified information.

As the trial entered its sixth week, the first defense witness told the court Manning shined as one of the most talented members of an intelligence analysis unit, excelling at "data mining."

Manning's case has taken on added importance in the aftermath of another round of bombshell leaks from a former contractor for the National Security Agency.

SECUNDERABAD (AFP) - Indian mourners weep, as they stand beside the bodies of those killed in a building collapse, in the mortuary at Gandhi Hospital in Secunderabad, the twin city of Hyderabad on Monday. Two-storey hotel collapsed in the southern Indian city of Secunderabad, killing at least 12 people and injuring 16 others, police said. Rescue workers were searching through tonnes of rubble for those still trapped, local police official said.





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Kenya anger at Britain's ban on khat 'drug'



NAIROBI (AFP) - Angry Kenyan farmers growing the stimulant khat, a crop branded a drug and banned by Britain, demanded Monday that British army training bases and British-owned farms be shut down in retaliation for the ban. Khat -- called miraa in Kenya, a multi-million dollar (pound / euro) export business -- is the leaves and shoots of the shrub *Catha edulis*, which are chewed to obtain a mild stimulant effect.

Last week, Britain's Home Secretary Theresa May classified khat as a drug, effectively closing Kenya's last khat market in Europe, after the Netherlands banned the stimu-

lant in January.

Britain, the former colonial ruler, still sends troops to train in northern Kenya.

Large tracts of land are also owned or farmed by British nationals.

Britain's ban was made despite findings from government experts that there was insufficient evidence khat is harmful.

Khat farmers say they export up to 60 tonnes of khat to London each week.

Although khat is grown across the Horn of Africa region as well as in Yemen largely for domestic and regional use, much of Kenya's crop is cultivated for export, with the main growing area around the Meru region.

Khat bushes can take up to four years to mature and large-scale farms have been running for decades.

While grown in fertile highlands where other crops such as maize and potatoes also do well, khat is preferred for its relatively high profit margins.

Health & Living

Hot enough to fry an egg? Don't try it in Death Valley

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Death Valley National Park has asked tourists not to test out the reputation of the world's hottest spot by frying eggs on the ground, citing a growing litter problem at the popular US landmark.

"An employee's posting of frying an egg in a pan in Death Valley was intended to demonstrate how hot it can get here, with the recommendation that if you do this, use a pan or tin foil and properly dispose of the contents," the park said on its Facebook page last week.

"However, the Death Valley NP maintenance crew has been busy cleaning up eggs cracked directly on the sidewalk, including egg cartons and shells strewn across the parking lot.

"This is your national park, please put trash in the garbage or recycle bins provided and don't crack eggs on the sidewalks," it said.

Death Valley, located in California and Nevada, will soon celebrate the 100th anniversary of its posting the world heat record -- 134 degrees Fahrenheit (57 degrees Celsius) -- on July 10, 1913.

The US Southwest has been in the grip of a massive heat wave in recent weeks, with temperatures at the park in the high 120s.



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No risk of pandemic yet from MERS virus: scientists

PARIS (AFP) - The new MERS coronavirus that has claimed dozens of lives in the Middle East does not yet have the ability to trigger a pandemic, but vigilance is needed in case it mutates, French scientists said.

But they urged health watchdogs to keep up their guard and pursue the search for the virus' bolthole in nature.

"We recommend enhanced surveillance, active contact tracing and vigorous searches for the MERS-CoV animal hosts and transmission routes to human beings," said the Pas-

teur Institute team which conducted the research.

A respiratory virus that can cause fever and pneumonia, MERS is a cousin of the deadly SARS virus which erupted in southern China in 2003 and snowballed into a global health scare.

Since Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) first came to light in 2012, there have been 43 recorded deaths, 36 of them in Saudi Arabia.

The death rate is high -- at roughly one in every two patients -- although doctors say

there may be other case that are not diagnosed as MERS or do not cause grave illness.

The trio of French epidemiologists looked at 55 MERS cases for evidence of "clusters" in which the virus had been passed on from one person to another rather than stopping with the patient who had fallen ill.

Like SARS, MERS appears to cause a lung infection, with patients suffering from fever, coughing and breathing difficulties. But it differs in that it also causes rapid kidney failure, other research has found.



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Sci-Tech

US maintained satellite spy base in Brazil: press reports



BRASÍLIA (AFP) - The United States maintained a satellite spy base in Brazil, the only one in Latin America, until at least 2002, the daily O Globo reported Monday, citing documents leaked by Edward Snowden.

The satellite intelligence collection base in Brasilia was jointly operated "at least until 2002 by the NSA (National Security Agency) and the Central Intelligence Agency," the report said.

O Globo on Sunday reported that the NSA spied on Brazilian residents and companies as well as people traveling in Brazil, again citing documents obtained from Snowden.

The Brazilian government described the allegations as

"extremely serious" and said it would seek explanations from Washington.

Meanwhile the daily Folha de Sao Paulo said President Dilma Rousseff discussed the affair with Justice Minister Jose Cardozo and Communications Minister Paulo Bernardo Sunday.

The minister said federal police and the national telecom agency ANATEL would launch an investigation, according to Folha de Sao Paulo. But there was no official confirmation.

O Globo said the US facility in Brasilia was part of a network of 16 "Primary Format Collection Operations" maintained by the NSA around the world to intercept transmissions from foreign satellites.

Brazil leases eight satellites. The daily said it did not have enough evidence to say whether the US operation continued after 2002.

The daily also published an NSA document dated September 2010 which seemed to indicate that the Brazilian embassy in Washington and the Brazilian mission to the UN in New York were targeted by the agency.

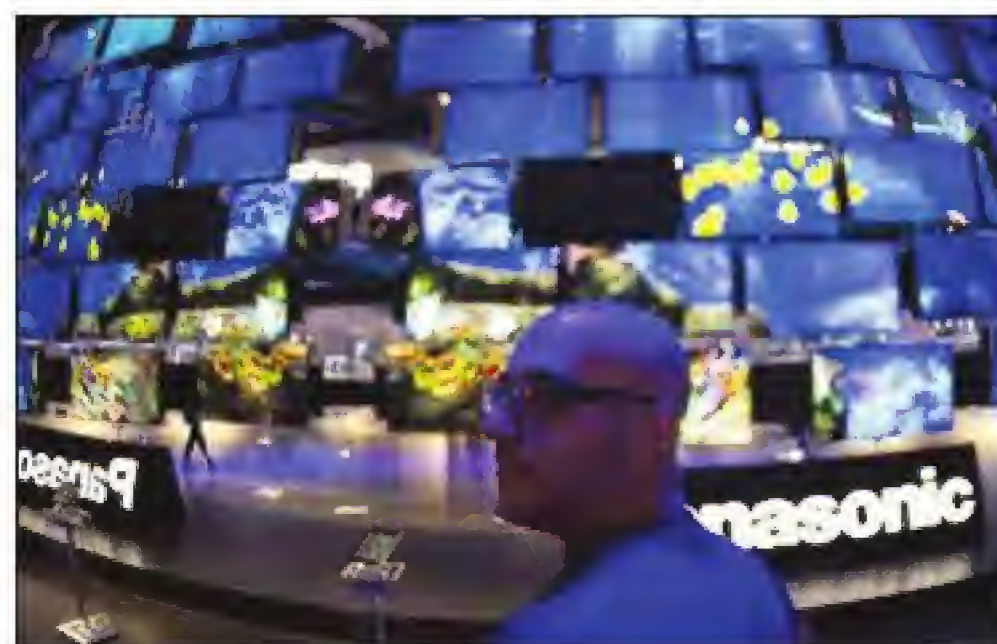
Japan broadcasters ban Panasonic 'smart' TV commercial

TOKYO (AFP) - Japanese broadcasters are refusing to air commercials for Panasonic's new "smart" television, the manufacturer said Monday, amid speculation they feel threatened by its combined TV-Internet function.

Private broadcasters -- in a rare case of turning down a major advertiser -- have said they will not show commercials for the product, claiming the split screen simultaneously showing broadcast content and web pages may confuse viewers, according to reports.

Web users who have seen the commercial, available on video-sharing site YouTube, lashed out at broadcasters for an apparently quixotic attempt to protect their medium from competition.

"LG, Samsung have already released similar televisions a long time ago, but they cannot bring them to Japan," said another posting by tairaomote,



referring to Panasonic's South Korean rivals.

Japan has a lively and competitive broadcast scene and a thriving Internet culture.

However, despite a reputation for innovative wizardry, Japan is sometimes slow to adopt new forms of technology into mainstream use.

Some major companies are criticised for not keeping up with changes in modes of consumption.

Rules on political campaigning that had banned the use of the Internet have only recently been relaxed ahead of the July 21 upper house election.



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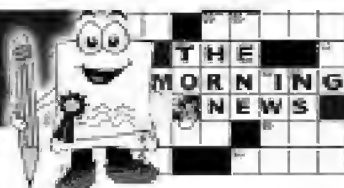
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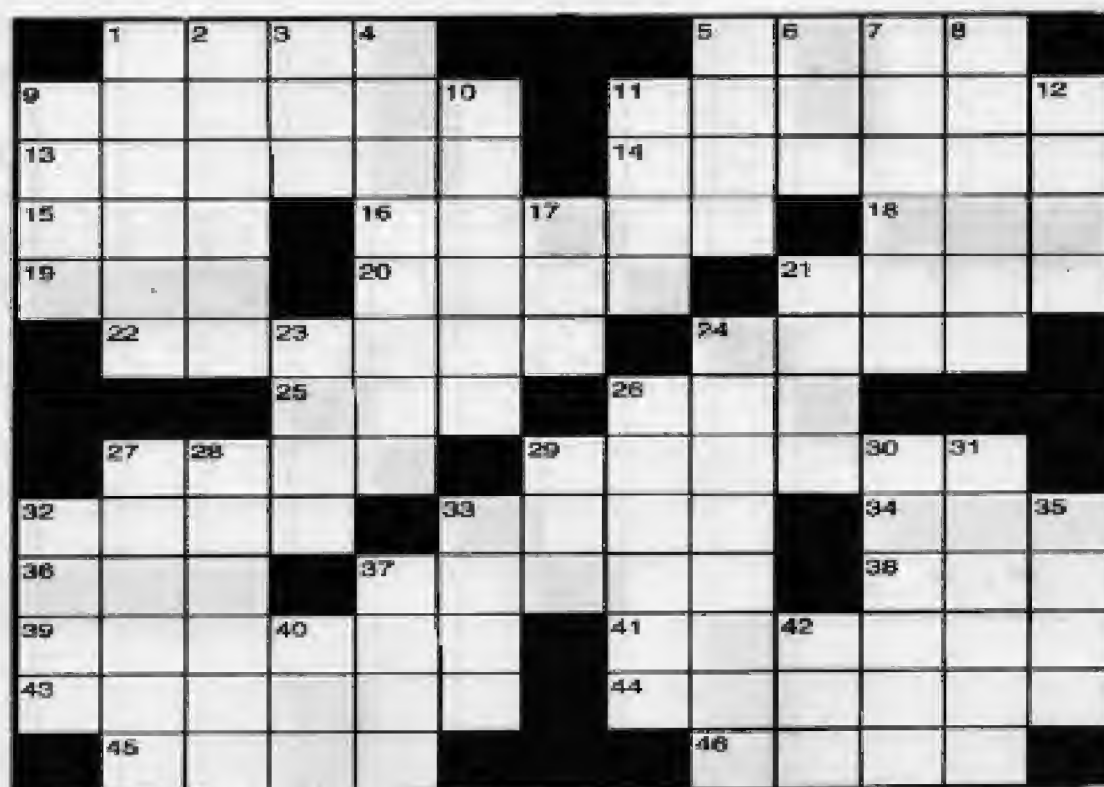
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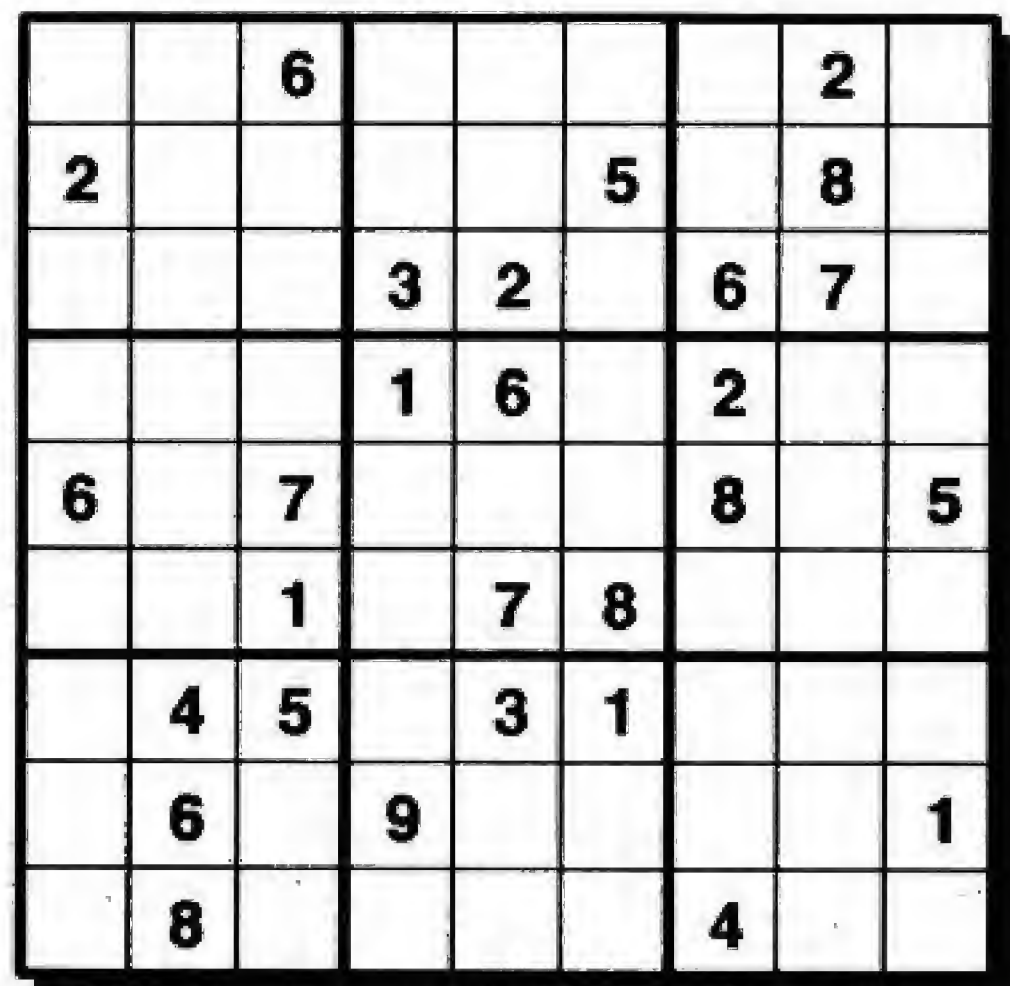
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Greece set to receive 4.0 bn euros in new eurozone aid



BRUSSELS (AFP) - Eurozone finance ministers agreed Monday to unlock billions of euros in fresh aid for Greece on condition it press ahead with urgently needed reforms.

The Eurogroup ministers, holding their last meeting before the summer break which was also attended by IMF chief Christine Lagarde, agreed to pay out 6.8 billion euros in fresh aid to Athens.

However, the funds would not be handed over in one lump sum, but in different instalments subject to certain conditions being met.

"The Eurogroup commends the authorities for their continued commitment to implement the required reforms that have already led to a significant improvement of cost competitiveness, an impressive strengthening of the fiscal position and a more resilient banking sector," the group said

in a statement read out by its chief, Dutch Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem, at a news conference.

In particular, the required reforms of the public administration -- Athens has pledged to axe 4,000 state jobs by the end of the year, as well as redeploy 25,000 civil servants across its vast bureaucracy -- needed to be carried out.

And further efforts were needed to improve tax revenue collection.

Under the terms of the deal, some 4.0 billion euros would be paid out "in the coming weeks," and a further 1.0 billion euros in October, both sums shared by the eurozone rescue fund EFSF and European central banks.

And the International Monetary Fund would stump up 1.8 billion euros.

IMF chief Lagarde said the board of her institution would review the report of Greece's "Troika" of creditors -- the IMF, the European Central Bank and the EU -- at the end of July.

Eurogroup ministers also discussed the situation in another bailed-out country -- Portugal, which sunk into a political crisis over the shock resignations of two key ministers this month.

European leaders have asked Lisbon to clarify the political situation quickly, fearing that uncertainty could throw the country off its course to exit the troika's rescue programme by 2014.

FINANCE

US, EU open tough talks on trade, spying

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Landmark US-EU trade talks opened in Washington Monday as the two sides also discussed US spying activities that infuriated Europeans and threatened to hold up what could be the world's largest free-trade deal.

In the wake of disclosures that the United States has not only been vacuuming up huge quantities of phone and Internet data but also snooping on its allies, European officials gathered at the Department of Justice to discuss the super-secret National Security Agency's activities.

Just blocks away, officials launched the ambitious negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, which aims to reduce commercial barriers between the two giant economies and help both pull clear of the financial crisis.

The spying row, had threatened to derail the long-planned trade talks even before they started.

Carlos Slim invests \$40 mn in Shazam music app

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexican telecoms tycoon Carlos Slim has acquired a 10.8 percent stake in Shazam, the British company behind a music recognition smartphone application that instantly identifies songs and artists.

Slim's America Movil phone company announced the capital stock deal in a statement Monday, saying that the two firms "entered into a strategic alliance for business development in the Americas."

In a separate statement, Shazam said America Movil was investing \$40 million.

Slim is considered the world's second richest person after Microsoft founder Bill Gates, with an empire that includes telecommunications, mining, auto parts and retail.

America Movil offers an array of fixed-line, mobile phone, Internet and cable television services in 17 Latin American nations and the United States.

Shazam says it has 350 million users around the world with sales of digital goods of more than \$300 million a year through affiliate partners like Apple's iTunes.

But angered Europeans agreed late last week to go ahead with the TTIP plan -- if they could also hold simultaneous discussions on the NSA's activities.

Brussels warned Washington last week in a letter obtained by AFP that it might reconsider two key data-sharing deals -- hard-won agreements to share airline passenger data and SWIFT banking details -- unless they get US assurances of "full compliance with the law" in its spying programs.

There was no official confirmation that the intelligence-related talks were under way, but sources close to the matter told AFP that two representatives from the European Commission, in the security and privacy fields, and representatives of the 28 EU member states, were meeting with US counterparts at the Justice Department.

Official statements for the opening of the trade talks avoided reference to the spying furor, focusing instead on the potential to bring the huge US and European economies closer together.

"In TTIP, we have the opportunity to accomplish something very significant for our economies, for our relationship, and for the global trading system as a whole," US Trade Representative Michael Froman told the opening meeting.

In Geneva, EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht said in a statement that a deal would be good for Europe.

"We are convinced that this trade agreement will result in more jobs and more growth -- and that will help to get us out

of the economic crisis," De Gucht said.

The trade negotiations are expected to be rocky, even without the spying controversy, after pre-opening salvos laid down some red lines.

Washington wants financial regulation to be off the table, amid concerns that EU rules for banks are too lenient, while France demanded that its strong protections for its film and television industry be excluded from the talks.

More broadly, Europe will raise the widespread preferences that US states, cities and the federal government give to local contractors and suppliers, including in the lucrative defense sector.

And Washington will push Europe to open up to US biotechnology products like genetically modified foods, which many European consumers consider dangerous.

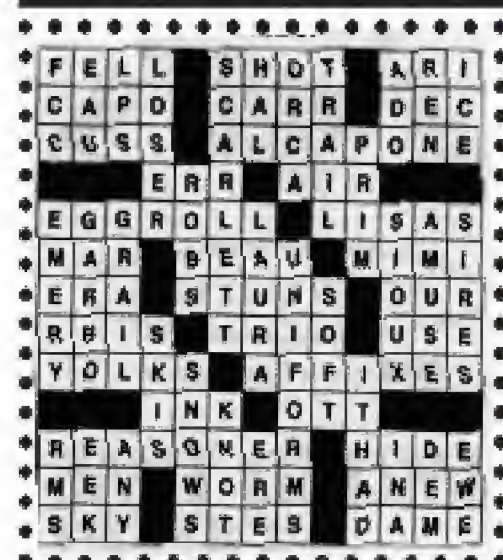
If an agreement can be reached, it would create the world's largest free-trade area, involving 820 million people.

Trade in goods and services between the United States and the EU last year was worth nearly \$1 trillion. Cross-Atlantic direct investment totaled about \$3.7 trillion in 2011.

A study for the EU by the Centre for Economic Policy Research in London said TTIP could add about 119 billion euros (\$153 million) annually to the EU economy, and 95 billion euros for the United States.

Both sides acknowledged the difficulty of wrapping up a deal before late 2014 when a new European Commission will be elected.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



Pope condemns global indifference to refugees in island visit

LAMPEDUSA (AFP) - Pope Francis called for an end to worldwide indifference to the plight of refugees on Monday on a visit to an Italian island where tens of thousands of migrants from Africa and the Middle East reach Europe.

"We ask forgiveness for the indifference towards so many brothers and sisters," Francis said in his homily at a mass near the fishing harbour on his first trip outside of Rome since his election in March.

Speaking within sight of dozens of the abandoned boats used by the migrants, he paid tribute to the hundreds who drown every year trying to reach Europe and said he had come to Lampedusa "to reawaken consciences".



rules, asylum-seekers have to stay in the country they first arrive in and unaccompanied minors are often stuck on Lampedusa for months at a time awaiting relocation.

'Inhuman and unacceptable'

In tune with the new pope's informal style, the visit had

creased in arrivals in recent weeks, with around 4,000 arriving so far this year -- three times more than during the same period in 2012.

But the numbers are still far from the peaks reached in 2011 as maritime border controls disintegrated during the Arab Spring revolts in north Africa.

Since 1999, more than 200,000 people have arrived on Lampedusa -- making the island one of the biggest gateways for undocumented migration into Europe.

Responding to the pope's words, Matteo Salvini from Italy's anti-immigration Northern League party said he was against a "globalisation of illegal immigration".

But Laura Boldrini, speaker of the Italian parliament and a former UN official on refugee issues, said coordination of rescues at sea "should be improved".

"Rescuing them is a legal and ethical duty," she said in an interview with Rai public television.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees estimates that 40 people have died so far in 2013 -- most by drowning -- trying to cross from north Africa, while around 500 were reported dead or missing in 2012.



"The culture of well-being makes us think about ourselves, renders us insensitive to the cries of others," he said, urging "brotherly responsibility" and condemning a "globalisation of indifference".

The pope celebrated mass with a cross and a chalice made from the wood of the rickety boats that migrants typically arrive on, mainly from Libya and Tunisia.

The altar was also fashioned from a fishing boat.

The Catholic leader earlier boarded a coast guard boat and cast a wreath of white and yellow chrysanthemums -- the colour of the Vatican flag -- into the water.

Surrounded by dozens of fishing boats and yachts, the pope solemnly made the sign of the cross over the sea in a spot where one of many drownings occurred.

Francis also met with a group of around 50 recent arrivals, many of them Eritreans, telling them: "We will pray for those who are no longer with us."

One of the young men, who wore tracksuits and white baseball caps, told him: "We suffered a lot reaching this calm place but now we have to stay in Italy. We would like other European countries to help us."

Under European Union

less of the pomp customary for papal visits.

There were no meetings with politicians or high-ranking clergy, and the pope used a Fiat car on loan from a local inhabitant as a "popemobile".

The visit was announced only last week, unlike past papal trips arranged months in advance.

Just hours before he touched down, the latest boat carrying 166 migrants landed on Lampedusa.

Another migrant boat was reported by Italian coast guard to be in difficulty just off Libyan shores.

Cardinal Antonio Maria Veglio, head of the Vatican's migrant department, said he hoped the visit would prompt "concrete concern and solidarity to improve situations that have become inhuman and unacceptable".

The pope also paid tribute to the local population -- a fishing community of 6,000 on an island of 20 square kilometres (eight square miles) -- for the assistance and tolerance they had shown to the boat people.

"May your example be a beacon for the world as a whole to have the courage to welcome those who are looking for a better life," the pope said after the mass.

Lampedusa has seen an in-



Shakira's ex-boyfriend fails to get cash from Swiss account



in happier times

GENEVA (AFP) - The ex-boyfriend of global pop star Shakira has failed in a bid to get a slice of tens of millions of dollars in a Swiss bank account, in the latest chapter of the former couple's legal battle, lawyers said Monday.

A Geneva judge rejected attempts by Antonio de la Rúa to win control of a \$50-million bank account held by the Colombian-born megastar's

offshore company.

Shakira's lawyer Marc Bonnant told AFP that Geneva's civil court threw out de la Rúa's case and ordered him to pay some 20,000 Swiss francs (\$20,700/16,100 euros) in legal costs.

Shakira and de la Rúa -- son of a former president of Argentina -- split in 2010 after a decade together but reportedly remained friends.

Their ties soured, however, as de la Rúa sought what he charges is his due for deploying his marketing and management skills to craft Shakira's public persona and turn her into an international star.

Shakira's team provided pre-nuptial agreements between the couple which barred de la Rúa from a share of her wealth.

De la Rúa's lawyer My-Linh Schifferli told AFP that her client had opted not to appeal, but that she saw the court ruling as deeply wrongheaded.

DENIA (AFP)-TOPSHOTS People jump with a bull into the sea during the traditional running of bulls "Bous a la mar" (Bull in the sea) at Denia's harbour, near Alicante yesterday. Spain's annual running of the bulls began over the weekend, when thousands of brave or just plain crazy thrill seekers sprinted for about two minutes with six fighting bulls through the narrow streets of Pamplona. The iconic festival attracts tourists from all over the world, and the event often ends with a brutal goring or even a death. But this year only four people were reported injured, none of them seriously. "It was amazing, phenomenal and scary, all at the same time," William Schulz, 34, a bartender in Nashville, Tennessee, told Al Jazeera.



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"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8

a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.99, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, with free refills on fresh coffee. A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast, home fries, with complimentary, unlimited coffee for only \$9.99! Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie, so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda,

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watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

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Formula One: Hamilton progress halted by tyres and rules



NURBURGRING (AFP) - Lewis Hamilton's hopes of registering his maiden victory for his new Mercedes team have suffered a setback with the revised tyre regulations introduced at last weekend's German Grand Prix at the Nurburgring.

His Mercedes team chief Ross Brawn confirmed as much on Monday when he admitted that the ban on swapping rear tyres from wheel to wheel combined with the high temperatures led to the team's weaknesses being exposed again.

Hamilton battled to finish fifth after starting from pole and his problems were a reminder of the team's early season struggles with the fast-wearing Pirellis.

Hamilton said: "It would be good to get a win but at the moment it really doesn't feel like it's going to happen. Luck is definitely not with me, but who knows? At some stage it's got to come."

The 2008 champion has started from pole at the last two races. At the British Grand Prix, he led but then suffered the first of the four tyre blowouts that led to the crisis which ushered in a change of tyres and revised rules for

we were trying to push we overstressed the tyre, and we need to find solutions to overcome that."

As Brawn and his boffins work on the car, the team's motorsport chief Toto Wolff said he was talking to the sport's rulers about allowing Mercedes to take some part in the young drivers' test at Silverstone later this month. They were banned after taking part in an earlier allegedly secret test in Spain.

He said it was not about performance gain but safety issues, especially now that teams were allowed to run their senior drivers at the test.

"When it is about safety, it would be good if all teams are clear whether they (the tyres) work on their cars," he told AUTOSPORT. "But it is up to the FIA to decide. Safety is the priority for the FIA and I am sure they would safeguard that it is the same for everybody."



using them.

Brawn said: "The construction of the tyre has changed and I think the ability to swap tyres before was a good way of off-setting the stress of the tyre. You could use it in qualifying and then swap it, and have it in a different condition for the race."

"You cannot do it with these tyres and I think we were back into going over the limit of the temperature of the tyres and suffering from it. The first half of the race was pretty horrible for us but in the second half, the fuel weight went down, it got a touch cooler and we got back in the window again."

"The times were respectable, so it shows how critical we are. On high fuel at the beginning of a race when

SPORTS

Cricket: Sri Lanka weather the storm to beat Windies



PORT OF SPAIN (AFP) - Sri Lanka weathered a middle-order revival by the West Indies and held on for a 39-run victory on the Duckworth/Lewis Scoring Method in a rain-affected fifth match of the Tri-Nation Series at Queen's Park Oval on Monday.

Kumar Sangakkara crafted a superb, unbeaten 90 to lift the visitors to a competitive 219 for eight in a match forced into the reserve day because of the elements and reduced to 41 overs-per-side.

Half-centuries by Darren Bravo (70) and Lendl Simmons (67) then threatened to take the home team to a revised target of 230 before a sense of haste in the midst of light rain and the cooler heads of the Sri Lankans saw the West Indies restricted to 190 for nine in reply.

While the result pushes Sri Lanka to the top of the standings ahead of the Caribbean side by virtue of a better net run-rate, a victory for India over Angelo Mathews' team in the final preliminary match on Tuesday will result in the calculators again being deployed to determine the qualifiers for Thursday's final.

Sangakkara claimed the Man-of-the-Match award for his excellent innings, but Mathews also made vital contributions with bat and ball in ensuring his side avenged the six-wicket defeat suffered at the hands of the West Indies in the opening match of the tournament in Kingston ten days earlier.

His 30 off 27 balls gave the innings important impetus towards the end and figures of four for 29, including the vital scalp of Chris Gayle at the start

of the West Indies chase, proved critical in completing victory.

Gayle's demise triggered a slide with the West Indies reduced to 31 for four and seemingly out of contention.

However, Bravo found a solid partner in Lendl Simmons, the man drafted into the team as a replacement for suspended regular captain Dwayne Bravo.

After a pedestrian start, the pair accelerated impressively and were lifting the West Indies to within reach of the target when a loss of concentration tilted the balance decisively.

Conscious they were still behind on the D/L Method and concerned that rain was about to return, the pair lost their focus and when Simmons sliced a catch to deep cover off Shaminda Eranga, the second collapse of the innings was in motion.

Five wickets fell for 23 runs, leaving the last pair of Kemar Roach and Tino Best to ensure that, while defeat could not be avoided, they at least prevented the Sri Lankans claiming another bonus point.

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Murray targets more slams after Wimbledon win

LONDON (AFP) - Andy Murray said Monday he was determined to push on from his historic Wimbledon win and add further Grand Slam titles to his achievements.

Speaking after a near sleepless night, Murray returned early morning to his press duties hailed as a national hero, having become the first British player to lift the famed gold trophy in 77 years.

His emotion-charged 6-4, 7-5, 6-4 win over top seed Novak Djokovic on a baking-hot centre court on Sunday left the 26-year Scot drained but still lucid over



what faces him next in his tennis career.

Next up, he knows, will be the defence of his US Open crown in New York in September with the US hard court season set to kick in at Montreal in less than a month's time.

"I hope I don't lose hunger. I should be able to use this for motivation, the Scot said of his Wimbledon triumph.

Murray said that the whirlwind of media interviews and official duties as a Wimbledon winner had left him in a kind

of a daze and that getting to sleep at the end of it all late in the night had been all but impossible.

Despite the win, his second Grand Slam triumph after the US Open, where again Djokovic was his victim in the final, but that time in five sets, Murray will remain as world number two behind the Serb.

Replacing him one day as the top ranked player was something he aspired to, but Murray knows that will unlikely be this year as he cannot gain any points at the US Open as he is the defending champion.

Murray's historic win sparked immediate speculation that he would be awarded a knighthood by the queen for his achievement.

Prime Minister David Cameron, who watched the final from the centre court Royal Court, said that he could think of no-one who was more deserving of such an honour.

Football: Bayern announce Mario Gomez transfer to Fiorentina



BERLIN (AFP) - Bayern Munich announced on Monday that striker Mario Gomez will join Italian side Fiorentina.

Champions League winners Bayern said an agreement had been reached "in principle" for the 27-year-old, who found his place in the Bavarian team taken by Mario Manduzkic last season.

The two clubs had been negotiating over the transfer for some time, with Bayern saying last week the deal was dead as the Florentine club were reportedly unwilling to meet the German double winners' 20

million euro (\$25.7 million) asking price.

Italian newspaper Gazzetta dello Sport claim the transfer will cost Fiorentina 15 million euros.

Gomez was under contract in Munich until 2016 but was known to have become frustrated at having to play second fiddle to Manduzkic last season.

Known as "Super Mario" after the computer game character, Gomez joined Bayern in 2009 from Stuttgart for 35 million euros.

He has scored 25 goals for Germany in 58 appearances.

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ANAHEIM (AFP) Albert Pujols #5 of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim advances to third on a walk by teammate Josh Hamilton (not pictured), as shortstop Jose Iglesias #10 of the Boston Red Sox isn't able to cover third base in the sixth inning at Angel Stadium of Anaheim on Sunday. Angels' got a 3-0 victory over the Boston Red.

MLB Standings

American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	53	36	.600	—
BALTIMORE	49	40	.551	4.5
TAMPA	49	40	.551	4.5
YANKEES	48	40	.545	5.0
TORONTO	43	45	.489	10.0

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	48	39	.552	—
CLEVELAND	46	42	.523	2.5
KANSAS	41	44	.482	6.0
MINNESOTA	37	48	.435	10.0
CHICAGO	34	51	.400	13.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
OAKLAND	55	37	.584	—
TEXAS	51	37	.580	0.5
LA ANGELES	43	45	.489	8.5
SEATTLE	39	49	.443	12.5
HOUSTON	32	57	.360	20.0

National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	50	38	.568	—
WASHINGTON	46	42	.523	4.0
PHILADELPHIA	43	46	.483	7.5
NY METS	37	48	.435	11.5
MIAMI	32	55	.368	17.5

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
ST. LOUIS	53	34	.609	—
PITTSBURGH	53	34	.609	—
CINCINNATI	50	38	.568	3.5
CHICAGO	38	48	.442	14.5
MILWAUKEE	35	52	.402	18.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
ARIZONA	47	41	.534	—
DODGERS	42	45	.483	4.5
COLORADO	42	47	.472	5.5
SAN FRANCISCO	40	47	.460	6.5
SAN DIEGO	40	49	.449	7.5

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Referee beheaded in Brazil

BRASILIA (AFP) - A referee was lynched and decapitated by a mob in northeastern Brazil after he fatally stabbed a player who refused to leave the pitch during an amateur soccer game, according to local press reports.

The gruesome killings occurred in the town of Pio XII in Maranhao state on June 30 but details of the case only emerged last week.

Local police said the referee, 20-year-old Otavio Jordao da Silva, got into a fist fight with 31-year-old player Josenir dos Santos Abreu, who had refused to comply with an order to leave the pitch.

During the fight, the referee stabbed the player, who subsequently died on the way to hospital, the reports said.

In retaliation, three people stoned the referee to death before dismembering his body.

Local police said a 27-year-old man confessed taking part in the assault although he denied delivering the fatal blows.

Two other suspects are still being sought.

Football: Mexico, Canada upset on opening day

PASADENA (AFP) - Martinique and Panama registered upsets against a pair of North American opponents on the opening day of the CONCACAF Gold Cup tournament on Sunday at the Pasadena Rose Bowl.

Gabriel Torres scored two goals as Panama stunned two-time defending Gold Cup champion Mexico 2-1 in their group A match.

In the other group A contest, Fabrice Reupenne scored in the



92nd minute to lift Martinique to a 1-0 win over Canada.

The 24-year-old Torres scored in the seventh minute off a penalty kick, and again early in the second half (48th) when he outraced Mexico defender Joel Huiqui to the ball and tipped it past goalkeeper Jonathan Orozco.

Marco Fabian tied the game 1-1 late in the first half as he blasted it home after taking a pass from Israel Jimenez.

Panama and Martinique are now tied for first in their group with three points each.

The tournament continues today with El Salvador facing Trinidad & Tobago, and Haiti squaring off against Honduras.

Group A action resumes on Thursday with a clash between Panama and Martinique, followed by Mexico against Canada. *photo: Gabriel Torres of Panama scores a goal on a penalty kick in the first half against Mexico*



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